



AMERICA'S STATE PARKS FIRST DAY HIKES January 1, 2014



Kick off the New Year with a winter hike for all ages at a Nevada State Parks. Entrance fees waive if participating in one of the schedule hikes below.

NORTHERN

Lake Tahoe-Nevada State Park, Incline Village, hike or snowshoe around Spooner Lake, 10:00am-noon, meet at Spooner Lake, ½ mile north on Highway 28 from the intersection of Highway 28 and 50. Children are welcome, but dogs are not permitted. Please dress warm, bring a snack and water. The outing will follow the Spooner Lake loop trail – a little over 2 miles on mostly flat terrain. This event may be cancelled due to inclement weather. The park phone number is (775) 831-0494.

Washoe Lake State Park, Washoe Valley, meet at Deadman's Creek Trailhead at 2.00 pm for an easy to moderate 1.5 miles roundtrip hike. Trail could be snowy, boots are recommend. Cameras are encouraged as we will see beautiful views of the nearby Sierra Nevada, Carson and Virginia Mountain Ranges and the wetlands. This event may be cancelled due to inclement weather. The park phone number is (775) 687-4319.

Lahontan State Recreation Area, Fallon, meet at the River Camp Campground on the Churchill/Fallon side of the park. The hike starts at 11:00am and will be 1 ½ miles long, moderate difficulty; some steps and terrain over 6% grade along the hike. The hike will take about 45minutes to an hour. Dress warm and boots are recommended due to the snow. Bring water or a snack. The park phone number is (775) 577-2226 or (775) 867-3500.

South Fork State Recreation Area, Spring Creek, 9 am-12 pm, venture through the Southwest Meadows for a 3 mile hike round trip. Dress warm in layers and bring water and snack. Bring snowshoes or skis if you have them. Leashed pets are welcome. This event may be cancelled due to inclement weather. Contact park staff for further information and to check on current conditions. The park phone number is (775) 744-4346.

Wild Horse State Recreation Area, Elko, 10 am-1:00pm, meet at Visitor Center for a 3 ½ mile roundtrip, easy to medium hike. The hike can take anywhere from 1 hour to 3 hours. Winter wonderland trek across a frozen lake on skis or snowshoes through entitle hills on a groomed trail. Stop halfway for hot drinks and warm snacks. Dress warm in layers and bring water and snack. Bring snowshoes or skis if you have them. No pets on the hikes. This event may be cancelled due to inclement weather. The park phone number is (775) 385-5939.

EASTERN

Spring Valley State Park, Pioche, 11:00 a.m., meet at the Stone Cabin for a 2.4 miles, easy to medium hike to some spectacular views of Spring Valley. There may be snow and ice, so hikers should plan accordingly, dress in layers and boots recommended.. This event may be cancelled due to inclement weather. The park phone number is (775) 962-5102.

Cathedral Gorge State Park, Panaca, meet at the Juniper Draw Trailhead at 11:00am for a 3.5 mile hike. There will be refreshments available at the trailhead. On the hike you will view the park's picturesque trails and explore its stunning formation and cathedral like spires. This event may be cancelled due to inclement weather. The park phone number 728-4460,

SOUTHERN

Spring Mountain Ranch, Blue Diamond, 1:00 pm, meet at the tour benches for an easy/moderate, 45 minutes hike on the Overlook trail and around Lake Harriet. The terrain is easy/moderate. The park phone number is (702) 875-4141.

Big Bend of the Colorado, Laughlin, 9:30 am, meet at park fee booth. Hike the Swift Water Trail to the Beaver Lodge in the wetlands. The hike will consist of 2 miles (roundtrip) of easy trails along the Swift Water Trail to the beaver lodge in the wetland. Young hikers can work on their Junior Ranger Badge. The park phone number is (702) 298-1859.

Valley of Fire State Park in Overton is offering 10hikes. Hikes allow dogs on the trails as long as they are on a leash. Bring water and wear appropriate footwear. The park phone number is (702) 397-2088.

12/31 Midnight at White Domes: 11:00pm-12:45am. This 1.5 mile loop trail features a vast array of impressive colorful sandstone formations and passes thru a narrow slot canyon. RSVP vofinterpranger@mvdsl.com by 12/28/13. If you RSVP and the hike is cancelled, you will be notified via email by 4:00pm on 12/29/13.

Fire Wave: 10:15am -noon. Meet at the visitor center at 10:00am. The Fire Wave Trail is Valley of Fire's newest and perhaps currently most popular trail. The 1.5 mile roundtrip hike leads to the formation known as the "Fire Wave", which features smooth red and white striped sandstone, providing a wave-like appearance.

White Domes: 10:30am- noon. Meet at the White Domes parking lot for a 1.25 mile loop hike, which features countless impressive colorful sandstones formations and the remnants of a movie set.

Pinnacles Loop: 10:30am-2:00pm. Meet at Atlatl Rock picnic area. Pinnacles Trail is an approximately 5 mile roundtrip hike that follows a wash and leads to an isolated outcropping of red sandstone "spires" tucked behind the edge of a mountain range.

Top of the World: 11:30am-2:30pm. Meet at the parking area #1 on the road to White Domes. The hike is 3.5 miles roundtrip and features 800 feet of elevation gain, resulting in excellent views of the park below. This hike does not follow a formal trail - a local volunteer responsible for blazing this route will lead the way to this seclude destination.

Mouse's Tank: 12:30pm-1:30pm. Meet at the Mouse's Tank Trailhead parking lot. More than 800 petroglyphs can be observed on this ¾ mile roundtrip hike which follows a scenic wash.

Arrowhead Loop: 1:00pm-3:00pm. Meet at the East entrance parking lot. This 2 mile loop passes one of Valley of Fire's most instantly recognizable rock formations, "Elephant Rock". Also, part of the trail follows the remains of the old Arrowhead Road, which was built in 1915 and connected Salt Lake City to Los Angeles.

White Domes: 1:30pm- 3:00pm. Meet at the White Domes parking lot for a 1.25 mile loop.

Fire Wave: 2:00pm-3:45pm. Meet at the Visitor Center for the 1.5 mile roundtrip hike.

Mouse's Tank: 2:30pm-3:30pm. Meet at the Mouse's Tank Trailhead parking lot for this $\frac{3}{4}$ mile roundtrip hike.

PLEASE ARRIVE A FEW MINUTES BEFORE THE START TIME. IN THE CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER OR ICY TRAIL CONDITIONS, CALL THE SPECIFIC PARK.

